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For: OPTICAL CONNECTOR USING AN)	
OPTICAL FIBER HAVING A)	
SPECIAL FIBER PORTION AS A)	
PART THEREOF)	

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Sir:

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The enclosed references were cited in an Office Action, dated March 22, 2005, in a counterpart Japanese patent application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), Applicants believe that this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted prior to issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fees are believed due as a result of this submission. However, in the event of any variance between the fees determined by Applicants and those

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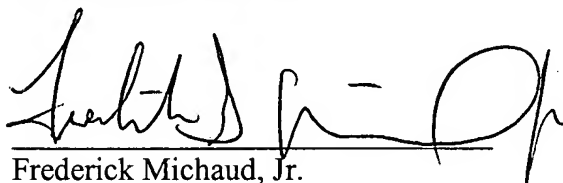
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